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In re Application of

Taro TAKAHASHI et al.

Serial No.: 09/490,038

Filed: January 24, 2000

For: CARBOXYLIC ACID AND AMINO ACID
OR AMINO ACID CONDENSATE
REACTANTS AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREFOR

Patent Art Unit: 1623

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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

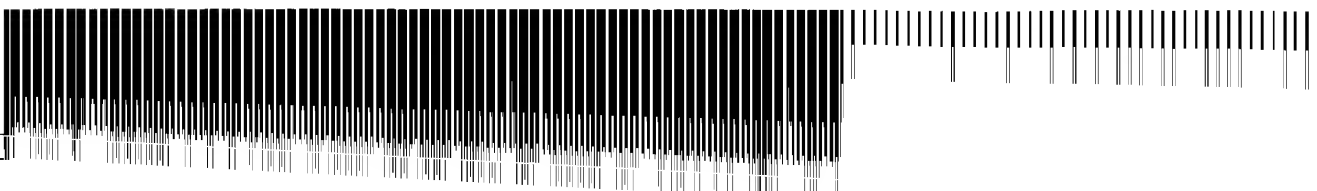
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Patent Art Unit 1623

Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record (see attached Associate Power of Attorney) would like to schedule an interview to discuss the aforementioned application. The proposed topics of discussion are:

1. Current Status Of This Application

The last paper filed in this application, an amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 (after final), was faxed to the USPTO on May 13, 2002. According to a notice posted on the USPTO web site (copy attached hereto), faxes sent during this time period to telephone numbers in the 703 area code and having a prefix of 872 (such as the fax number for PTC 1600) were misdirected and delayed. In addition, another attorney of record in this application, Mr. David Tarnoff, was apparently told by someone at the USPTO on or about Tuesday, August 20th, 2002 that the last paper filed in this application was inadvertently characterized as a "preliminary amendment", thus possibly explaining why the applicants



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have yet to receive an Advisory Action or a Notice of Allowance. The applicants would therefore like to know what the current status of this application is, as well as the current deadline for response.

2. Possible amendments to the currently pending claims

Mr. Tarnoff held a telephonic interview with the Examiner on Wednesday, August 21st 2002, and was apparently told by the Examiner that it would be possible to make certain amendments to the currently pending claims. If so, the undersigned would be happy to discuss this matter in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

The undersigned attorney of record is currently residing in Osaka, Japan, and given the time difference between Osaka and Washington DC, would greatly appreciate it if a discussion of the aforementioned issues could take place by Internet e-mail. Toward that end, the applicants and their attorneys of record make the following representation:

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, the applicants and their attorneys of record hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. The applicants and their attorneys of record understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

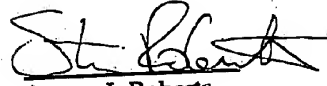
The undersigned attorney can be reached at sroberts@giplaw.com.

If a telephonic interview is preferred, the undersigned would propose scheduling it for 9:00 AM Eastern Time (10:00 PM Japan Time) on Friday, August 23rd, 2002. Should the Examiner wish to instigate this call, the undersigned's telephone number is 011-81-90-2043-1260.

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Respectfully submitted,


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